

who's who of outstanding students at southwest



not pictured: Nathaniel Addison, Nathan Bond, Bridgette Ciocan, Ruby Cooks, Octavia Curtis, Leah Cutrer, Kassi Dickerson, Jamiah Galloway, Auset Gibbs, Kelsey Hedspeth, Chase Hodges, Nevin Holley, Crystal Isaac, Kaitlin Lee, Morgan Leonard, Jordan McNabb, Bailey Norman, Kelsey Phelps, Rashondra Rankin, Jami Spears, Taylor Thornton

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—joyce mabry and william battle—

Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEAD-WAE) was a program developed by the Legislature of Mississippi and sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year, HEADWAE honored the intellectually talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions for their marvelous contributions to promoting academic excellence. Southwest Mississippi Community College instructor Joyce Mabry and sophomore William Battle were recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence ceremony in Jackson, Mississippi.

William Battle, son of Scott and Regina Battle, majored in associate degree nursing. A resident of Jayess, he graduated as the valedictorian of his class from New Bethel Christian School. William was on the President's List, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Student Nursing Organization, and a member of Alpha Delta Nursing Honor Society. After graduating, Battle planned to obtain his BSN through a university in the state of Mississippi, and his future career goals included obtaining his Doctor of Nursing Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. As for hobbies, William enjoyed sports and outdoors activities such as hunting and fishing.

Joyce Mabry of Liberty, MS, was an English and journalism instructor as well as head tennis coach at Southwest. She was a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College where she received an A. A. degree and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a Bachelor of Science in English education, and she received her Master of Education in English from William Carey University. She also did graduate work at Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University. She was the advisor and journalism instructor for the yearbook *The Whispering Pines*, which won first place in the state among all of the community colleges for five years and *The Pine Burr* which also won numerous awards from the Mississippi Press Association. Mabry also received the Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma educational society. She was married to Bill Mabry, and they have two children Will and Melissa, who were graduates of Southwest, and their grandchildren, Kayd, Mabry, Anne Riley, Ella, Will, George, and Fred.